

Society

**HOLIDAYS FULL OF PLEASING EVENTS NIGHT AND DAY.
NOTABLE HOSTESSES WHO WILL ADD TO THE CHEER.
PAN-AMERICAN HOSPITALITIES—RECEPTIONS—DINNERS**

Christmas gayeties seemingly leave nothing to be desired in number and brilliancy. It would be an exceptionally dull person, indeed, who, if he take an interest in social life at all, does not feel a bit of the tinkle of it and its association with the happy frame of mind which is the real accompaniment of the season. The revival of hospitality along the whole line is, of course, a marked feature of the winter thus far, and its newer manifestations are so completely satisfactory that every one feels that the elusive period known as "good times" is already here or swiftly on its way. People had grown a wee bit lazy or indifferent last year and rather welcomed the rest from their old-time rush and the piling together of good things until fatigue rather than enjoyment was the result. With the breaking of residential society into its various smaller sets its members are not found often outside their particular fold, with no necessity at all to bother about what others, also fully embarked in the business of getting as many merry hours in smart company as they can, are thinking or doing. What with the opportunities in private houses and the fascinations of the before and after supper dances in the hotels, the resumption of the smaller subscription dances, with a ball for a smart charity having a clear evening for itself, each of the sets and all of them saw themselves in their prettiest frocks last week and will again this, for which a pace that has a swing to it every hour has been arranged weeks ahead.

The Young Person has practically the field just at present, but as nobody permits himself to grow old any longer, these very much applauded and admired beginners in social life will not be without a gallery of their seniors, who will give as fine an imitation of holiday good cheer and jollity as many of the youngsters. The Y. P., however, is really the power, though, at this time, and nobody questions it or wants to. He may be only home from college for a week or so and contributing his share to the rosy-hued conditions which might be otherwise vulgarly described as repainting dull spots in red, or she may be the spoiled or the unspoiled darling whose only worry is how to get in a little beauty sleep between dances, but both of them are starting life history in quite the old-fashioned way, while their special worlds look on and smile, and most delightfully pay the fiddler.

Last Parties of the Year.

Hosts and hostesses of this week and expected guests ranging from the school boy and girl, then to the college men and maids, and then those who are with us the most of the time, will include Mrs. Elkins, Mr. and Mrs. Thropp, Dr. and Mrs. Hopkins, Miss Merriam, Dr. and Mrs. Wharton E. Lester, Mrs. I. T. Mann, Mrs. Hendricks, Miss Cowan, Mrs. William Littauer, Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury Blair, Mrs. Victor Kauffmann, Mrs. F. Ward Denys, Representative and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Ralph P. Jenkins, Representative and Mrs. Ernest P. Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Lester, among a host of others. Debutantes of this and last season are uniting in a New Year eve dance to be held at Rauscher's, sixty or more girls taking part. The week of dances will ask for more energy also, as there are several scheduled for New Year to make a fine Saturday finish.

Mr. and Mrs. Edison Bradley are making a New Year afternoon reception a compliment to the delegates to the second Pan-American Scientific Congress, and their invitations are out for some days.

January will see the resumption of official entertaining at the White House, which will lift the coming season from the commonplace to the ideal conception of a Washington winter. Naturally, if you have a sanguine disposition, the vision of what each may expect in the way of invitations there is simply marvelous, but no more so than the thought this time last winter that Cupid's inroads in the President's home would bring a new mistress there. Debutantes of the last week of the year include Miss Marjorie Heimbold,

daughter of Mrs. Charles D. Heimbold; Miss Lillian Hendrick, daughter of Mrs. David S. Hendrick; Miss Katherine Coville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic V. Coville; Miss Marie Sims, daughter of Representative and Mrs. Sims, and Miss Teresa Granda y Pezet, niece of the minister of Peru and Mme. Pezet. The latter debut reception will be held Friday from 5 to 7 at the Pan-American building. Miss Sims' debut will be at a tea dance Thursday at Rauscher's, 4 to 7.

Mrs. Heimbold will present her daughter at a tea, also at Rauscher's, Wednesday, 5 to 7.

Invitations are out for two January debuts, that of Miss Capers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Capers, Thursday, the 6th, 5 to 7, at their home, 1635 R street, and for Miss Dorothy Den-

nett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dennett, Saturday, the 6th, 4:30 until 7, at the Congressional Club.

Christmas Parties.

Yesterday's hospitalities were of the open-house order, a few of them only having been prefaced by cards of invitation. Family parties, great and small, had, of course, the right of way, the chance of exchanging holiday greetings with callers being a pleasant supplement. The official side of capital life largely did its Christmasing here, which is not unusual, and was on hand to take part in whatever the social program offered. Possibilities of increasing the size of the home board were not neglected and never are in

Washington, and many persons whose establishments are run on the solo plan had a choice of bids, one of which at least brought them within the family circle of some influential household. After all, one Christmas in normal times differs from another only in the weather, and for those who may even rise superior to any degree of storm or cold all goes well in any event.

Engagements.

Mr. and Mrs. John Talman Lipscomb announce the engagement of their daughter Claire Marie and Mr. John James Higgins of Rockville, Md. The wedding will take place the middle of March.

Christmas With the Vice President.

The Vice President and Mrs. Marshall had Mr. and Mrs. Thistlethwaite to dine with them in their apartment at the New Willard last night, and a Christmas tree of no mean dimensions glowed brightly in the room, while the table decorations were carried out in Christmas colors.

The Vice President and Mrs. Marshall will open the series of official dinners for the President and his bride by entertaining them the evening of January 14. This will be followed by the dinner in their honor, with the Secretary of State and Mrs. Lansing as hosts January 18.

The Diplomatic Corps.

The gayest dinner party in the diplomatic corps last night was that at the British embassy, where the ambassador and Lady Spring-Rice entertained the entire embassy staff and the children of the Counselor and Mrs. Barclay, the military attaché, and the Honorable Mrs. O'Brien. There was a huge English pudding, surrounded by a pale blue flame of burning spirits, and all the other good things to remind the company of other Christmases in "Merrie England." Friday afternoon, Miss Betty Spring-Rice and her brother, entertained at a Christmas eve tea, having a number of their friends as visitors. Yesterday morning the big Christmas tree was unveiled, and from that moment on there was good cheer in the house. The Ambassador and Lady Spring-Rice and the members of the staff attended service at St. John's Church on Lafayette square.

The French ambassador and Mme. Jusserand, the Brazilian ambassador and Mme. da Gama, the Spanish ambassador and Mme. de Riano, the

Italian ambassador and Countess Macchi di Cellere, and the Argentine and Chilean embassies each entertained the members of the embassy staff at dinner. In the Argentine embassy there was a large Christmas tree, Mme. Nason carrying on the festivities in the absence of the ambassador, who is in his own country, and the Chilean ambassador and Senora de Suarez-Mujica also had a brightly lighted Christmas tree and the wonderful Nativity scene for which their celebration is noted.

The Mexican ambassador and Senora de Arredondo entertained a number of friends at dinner Friday evening and distributed gifts, and yesterday morning a tree was lighted quite after the American fashion, the pinats used in many Mexican households of the rich and poor alike being dispensed with.

The new Chinese minister and Mme. Koo were busy during several days of last week addressing Christmas cards

to their friends here and elsewhere. These cards, like everything else connected with the legation, showed the transitory state of affairs in China, old and new. They were quite large and lettered in gold, the expressions bearing the good wishes of the minister and Mme. Koo for the season in English text, and with the Chinese crest. While they were celebrating in American-Chinese fashion, the retiring minister and Mme. Shah and their delightful family were on their way to San Francisco preparatory to sailing for China.

Postpones Dance.

Miss Frances Hynson of the Burlington has been compelled to postpone until a later date the dance she was to have given December 29.

Notes of Interest.

Miss Areta V. Hayes is spending the Christmas holidays with her brother's family, in Walbrook, Baltimore, Md.

Miss Mary Boyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Boyle of Bronx, New York, is here to spend the winter with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Boyle of the Leonard apartment, 1424 W street northwest.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin B. Linton have as their guests for the holidays their cousins, Mrs. S. H. Waltheim, Miss Waltheim and Mrs. A. M. Waltheim of the Netherlands, West Philadelphia.

Mrs. Sarah David and Miss Bertha Messenger, both of New York, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Behrend.

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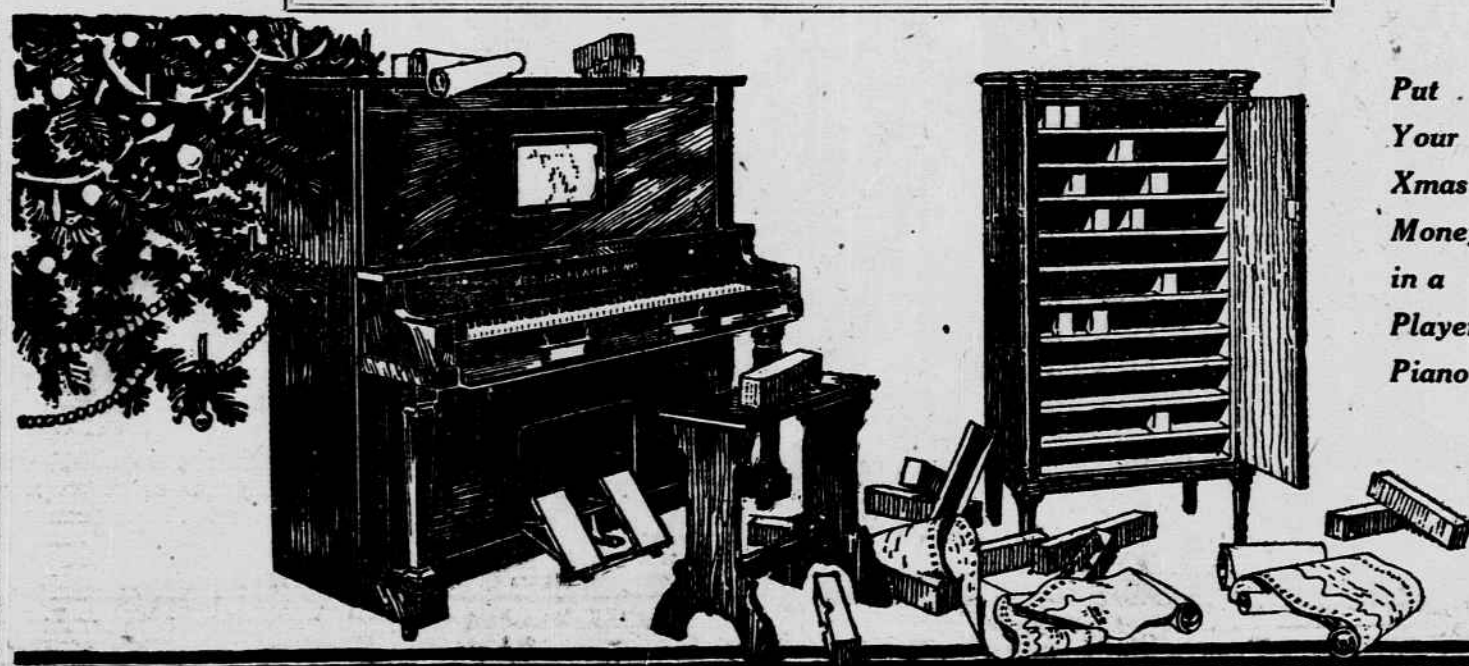
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